

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-13 and 15-35 remain in this application. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-12, 15-16, 18-19, 21-24 and 26-32 have been amended, and claims 1 and 14 have been canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 3, 15-17 and 33 contain allowable subject matter. By the above amendments, claim 2, 3, 15 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the features of their base claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore in condition for allowance. All remaining dependent claims 4-13 and 17-35 depend either directly or indirectly from one or more of these allowable independent claims, and are therefore also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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